

Refugees Flee South Italy

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

ALEX. H. WASHBURN

Shhhhhh . . . !

Doubtful News: We Grow Older

In the larger cities you meet with increasing frequency local laws forbidding the blowing of automobile horns, and the playing of any kind of sidewalk music; but I didn't know until this morning's mail arrived that this is part of a national campaign.

It stems from a Washington, D. C., group known as the National Noise Abatement Council. The council's newest pamphlet, "Stop Needless Noise," says:

"The Axis dictators know how noise undermines morale, depletes strength—and, of itself, sometimes even kills. The special Nazi shock troops which made the first actual breakthrough through the main Maginot line . . . were rumbling, drumming, rattling fiends incarnate. Attached to their steel helmets were giant firecrackers; in their hands and hung on their belts were tom-toms and other noise-making devices. Before them, the poilus fled in terror, leaving bridges unburned, arms undestroyed."

All of which is a bit far-stretched, as soldiers don't usually "flee to death." If the French had been rightly equipped with tanks and airplanes the German noise-makers would have been promptly shot down.

But the National Noise Abatement Council is on firm ground when it advocates peace-time regulations. Its reprint of the New York anti-noise code which was put through by Mayor LaGuardia is sound public policy. Some of the things prohibited in New York City are:

"To sound any horn or signal device on any vehicle, while stationary; or, if in motion, only as a danger signal after brakes are being applied."

"To operate any musical instrument with such volume as to disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any dwelling, hotel or other type of residence."

"To use mechanical loud speakers or amplifiers on trucks, etc. . . ."

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American white women are living 17 years longer than they did at the beginning of the century, reports a big life insurance company, and now have a life expectancy of 68.08 years—"within two years of the Biblical three score and ten," the company comments with satisfaction.

Not so satisfactory from the ladies' standpoint, however, is the further developments in vital statistics as reported by the company. Their husbands and brothers gained only 15.16 years, and the men's average life expectancy is 42.3 years shorter than the ladies'.

Sociologists long have commented upon the probable change in American national tastes when the combination of a longer life expectancy and a falling birth rate produced a population much older on the average than Americans were a generation ago. Sociologists forecast the end of jazz music, elaborate school systems, and all the other phenomena of a youth-minded country.

That's what the sociologists predicted a couple of years ago—but then the war came along, and, as war always does, brought with it one of the highest birth-rates in modern times.

So you can throw away the sociologists' gloomy predictions. We are faced with the paradox of a country deteriorating into middle age in peace-time and being rejuvenated by war.

Jack Dempsey's Trial for Divorce Begins

White Plains, N. Y., May 25 — (AP)—The trial of Jack Dempsey's divorce suit against his wife, Harriett Williams, the former "Cheerful Little Earth" of musical comedy, began in state Supreme Court today with several witnesses testifying she was friendly with former Lightweight Champion Lew Jenkins and Benny Woodall, one-time Jenkins trainer.

Dempsey, now a lieutenant commander in the Coast Guard, has charged his wife with infidelity and named the two men as co-respondents.

Mrs. Dempsey has filed counter-suit for divorce, but her allegations have not been made public. Both seek custody of their two children, Jean, eight, and Barbara, six.

Mrs. Dempsey frequently took on and put off a pair of dark glasses during the testimony. The former heavyweight champion, wearing his Coast Guard uniform, sat expressionless. The courtroom was sparsely filled.

49,000 Idle, Closing 3 Big Rubber Plants

By CARTER L. DAVIDSON

Akron, O., May 25 — (AP)—Three major rubber companies reported all production ceased today as the number of CIO employees idle in a protest against a War Labor Board wage decision rose to 49,000, despite a War Department demand for resumption of work.

Several hundred pickets, forming a shoulder-to-shoulder barricade at three gates to Goodyear Tire Rubber Co.'s No. 1 plant, turned back workers employed on the first day shift.

Crowds started gathering in front of the plant of Akron's east side more than an hour before the usual time for change of shifts. Some men were ejected forcibly as others pushed them through the picket line, but there was no violence.

Only plant guards and supervisory employees were permitted to enter, and three hours after the picket line formed, the crowds thinned out.

At Goodyear spokesmen said 19,000 CIO United Rubber workers were idle at all its plants, excepting Goodyear Aircraft Corp., a subsidiary not affected by the work stoppage. About 14,000 remained idle for the fourth day at the E. F. Goodrich Co. and 17,000 at the Firestone Tire Rubber Co.

The three concerns normally are masks, barrage balloons, life belts, engaged in production of gas masks, barrage balloons, life belts, airplane de-icers, tank treads, anti-aircraft guns, machine gun clips, civilian and combat tires and other war materials.

Idleness became the greatest in the history of Akron's rubber industry a few hours after James Mitchell, industrial personnel director of the army service forces, appealed for resumption of production.

Mitchell's appeal was made in a telegram to Sherman H. Dalmonte, international URW president, who was in Washington for conferences with the War Labor Board.

"The work stoppages—described by union leaders as spontaneous—started Saturday after the WLB pared to three cents an hour its panel's recommendation of an eight cent hourly wage increase."

In a newspaper advertisement the unions attributed the walkout to a "lack of confidence in the fairness and impartiality of the WLB."

Democrats Are Trying to Get a Tax Bill

By JACK BELL

Washington, May 25 — (AP)—A Democratic determination to "get a bill" east some faint rays of hope today over the muddled conferees in which House and Senate members are striving to compose their differences on pay-as-you-go tax legislation.

Admittedly still deadlocked within their own ranks, some of the Democrats called for superhuman efforts to evolve a program acceptable to both Houses and to the president.

One of these, Senator Byrd (D-Va.) said he thought it would be "a bad thing" for the country if the conferees gave up trying as some were reported to have suggested doing at a closed session yesterday.

"Pay-as-you-go tax legislation has aroused more interest in the country than any domestic legislation in the last 10 years," Byrd declared. "The people want something done and the question is not going to be disposed of by being dropped. I think we can and will get a bill."

On the other hand, Senator Walsh (D-Mass.), a supporter of the modified Ruml skip a year measure passed by the Senate, said the deadlock "looks hopeless" to him.

Byrd's viewpoint, however, was reported to be shared by Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the Senate Finance committee and Doughton (D-NC) of the House Ways and Means committee.

A revised compromise proposal which would abate the first \$100 of everybody's taxes (clearing 9,000,000 persons of all back taxes) and require payment of 25 per cent of the remainder of either 1942 or 1943 taxes, whichever is lesser, was before the group today.

The president is reported to have let it be known thus far that he would sign the House-approved bill, which would abate the 6 per cent normal and 13 per cent first bracket surtax on 1942 incomes, but has gone no further.

Lions to Meet at Clarksville in '44

El Dorado, May 25 — (AP)—Arkansas Lions clubs will hold their 1944 convention at Clarksville.

The city was chosen without opposition at the concluding session of the clubs' convention here yesterday. Lee Daniels, El Dorado, was elected president of district 7-B, succeeding Dr. J. Harry Hamm, Little Rock, and Dr. Don Hamm, Clarksville, was named president of district 7-A, succeeding Sam Schwiager, Fayetteville.

Adkins Would Aid States in Flood Loss

Little Rock, May 25 — (AP)—Governor Adkins thinks the federal government should help states repair highway and bridges damaged by floods, he told newsmen today.

"There ought to be some consideration in the way of matching money for states which have suffered severe losses to their highway systems," he declared.

Adkins said there had been major damage at the Van Buren bridge near Fort Smith where the Arkansas river apparently has cut a new channel. He said the state might have to construct a new 1,700-foot span there to join the existing bridge.

Gov. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma invited Adkins to join in a personal appeal to Washington authorities. Kerr said he would be in Washington Thursday and suggested that Adkins join him or send a representative. Adkins said he had not decided.

State Health Officer W. B. Grayson advised the governor that the health problem at Fort Smith was well under control.

"We will follow through down stream as the water recedes with all possible assistance," Grayson said.

21 Arkansans Are Prisoners of Japanese

Washington, May 25 — (AP)—The Navy Department today announced the names of 21 members of the Marine Corps held prisoner of war by the Japanese.

The list included the following 21 Corps members whose next of kin were listed under Arkansas addresses:

Booker, Pfc. Henry H., father, William F. Booker, Louann Carter, Pvt. Arthur Floyd; father, Joseph W. Carter, Green Forest.

Chastain, Pvt. Eldon Tobias; father, Thomas J. Chastain, Sherill.

Clement, Platoon Sgt. Robert A., uncle, C. L. Clement, Grapevine, Collins, Cpl. Thomas Edward, father, Andrew B. Collins, Ozark, Craig, Pfc. Thomas Arthur, Jr.; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Craig, Sr., Sulphur Springs.

Crass, Pfc. Arthur J.; father, Mr. Earl R. Crass, Monticello, Dodd, Pfc. Doyle Harding; father, Alvin M. Dodd, Recca.

Ellis, Tech. Sgt. Leon Malady; mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Ellis, Huttig.

Erwin, Pvt. Hoyle Medford; father, Forest E. Erwin, Blugen.

Ferriss, Pfc. James Furr; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson E. Ferriss, Redfield.

Fox, Pfc. George J., mother, Mrs. Rose Fox (1624 South Book-er) Little Rock.

Hammock, Cpl. William Lester, Jr.; parents Mr. and Mrs. William L. Hammock, Sr., Dermott.

Hammock, Sgt. John Forrest; father, Dee Forrest Hammock, Harrison.

Howard, Pvt. William Archie; parents, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Howard, (207 W. 7th) N. Little Rock.

Mann, First Lt. Ralph C., Jr.; father, Ralph C. Mann, Sr., Judsonia.

McKinney, Pfc. Floyd M.; father, Hade McKinney, Jenny Lind.

Rainwater, Pfc. Dennis Dalton, Jr.; father, D. D. Rainwater, Sr., Paris.

Stanley, Pfc. Abram Francis, Jr.; mother, Mrs. Dora W. Stanley Harrison.

Tallant, Pfc. William Talbert; mother, Mrs. Augie Mae Tallant, (34 Owen) Eureka Springs.

Weems, Pfc. Charles Monroe; mother, Mrs. Jessie Jones, (239) Springs, Eureka Springs.

Camp Robinson Water Pipeline Broken by Flood

Little Rock, May 25 — (AP)—The under-river pipeline system supplying Camp Robinson with water gave way today under the pressure of the Arkansas river's flood.

The camp's storage tank holding 2,000,000 gallons was left with about an average day's supply.

The rupture was detected when pressure dropped at pumps that push the water under the river. Valves were closed immediately on both sides to prevent water in the lines from rushing into the swollen stream.

Workers were unable to locate the break immediately and it was not known how soon it would be found since much of the work would have to be done with boats.

Little Rock, May 25 — (AP)—Reporting even more water than heretofore expected, the Little Rock weather bureau today raised its crest predictions for the Arkansas river at Little Rock and Pine Bluff.

Both will get more water than in the disastrous flood of a fortnight ago. Meteorologist Walter C. Hickmon said, "For Little Rock the forecast 30 'or slightly higher' for Tuesday, 1.2 feet above the recent crest. Pine Bluff will show 34 Friday, also 1.2 feet above the last high mark."

At Dardanelle the stage was 34.3, an overnight rise of 1.1 and .5 above the recent crest.

U.S. engineers said the new predictions did not change their expectations as to whether levees would hold. The engineers said six dikes were intact "and a good guess is that all will hold except one." The latter protects mostly farm land between here and Pine Bluff.

E. L. Pearson, the engineers' flood coordinator, said the predicted stage "shouldn't bother Pine Bluff much other than for the usual seeps, and it should not affect the Pine Bluff arsenal at all."

Pearson said the six intact levees were: Faulkner county No. 1, North Little Rock, Fourche island, Baum, Old River and Plum Bayou. The latter three form a continuous dike 34 miles long. "One we've not banking on too heavily is Fourche island," Pearson declared.

Woman Convicted of Slaying Youth

Annapolis, Md., May 25 — (AP)—A convicted Helen Aileen Randle, convicted of manslaughter May 20 in the slaying of a 17-year-old high school boy whom she asserted called her "the vilest names," was sentenced today to five years in prison.

The 31-year-old brunette, still under indictment on a charge of shooting her wealthy horseman husband in the leg at the climax of a day-long domestic quarrel, received the sentence quietly.

The husband, Ulmo S. Randle, declined to testify against his wife at the trial for the killing of young Allen Wiley.

Mrs. Leonard Stinecomb, Jr., chief prosecution witness, testified that during the quarrel last Jan. 30 Randle told his wife she was "the Naval Academy prostitute" prior to their marriage.

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Army Plays Trick On Carrier Pigeons

Somehow in Tennessee — (AP)—Army units on maneuvers in this area depend on a strong sense of humor love in pigeons to hasten delivery of messages. Lt. Rudolph Lang of St. Paul, pigeon officer of a combat pigeon platoon, explained it this way:

A pigeon eye is blown free of its yolk, a healthy beetle is inserted and the egg taped up. A mother pigeon hears the beetle scratching and takes it to be a squab getting ready to break out of the shell. When she is taken from her nest and given a message to deliver, she does it at top speed—sometimes approaching 70 miles an hour—so she can return to her nest and the pseudo-squab.

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Lightning Kills 6 Persons in Arkansas

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L. D. Bryant, 51, and Joseph D. Ester, 49, both of near DeWitt, were working with shovels about 150 feet apart when a bolt struck between them, killing both instantly.

Jeff Mausehardt, 40, was killed near Monticello. Coroner Raymond Stephenson said the lightning struck some distance from him but the charge was carried along a wire fence.

The Negroes—a woman, her son and a small girl—were working on the key plantation near Altheimer.

Government Asks Judgment Against AP

New York, May 25 — (AP)—In antitrust procedure without precedent, the government today asked federal court for summary judgment against the Associated Press—without the taking of testimony by witnesses in open court trial.

The motion was made in a civil suit pending before a special three-judge court. It seeks an injunction which would require the AP, the Associated Press to furnish its news and picture services to any newspaper willing to bear its proportionate share of the cost of gathering news.

Counsel for the Associated Press declined to comment on the government's latest move but it was understood that the government's contention that there were no material facts that were in controversy would be vigorously challenged by the AP.

It was also understood that probably 30 days would be required to prepare and file answering affidavits in support of the AP's position.

The normal procedure in antitrust cases is to take oral testimony of witnesses in open court with each party to the litigation offering documentary evidence in support of the testimony.

The move for a summary judgment has been used in other types of civil actions. But, according to Justice Department officials, it never before was employed under the Sherman act. Such procedure was possible under the rules for civil procedure in federal courts which were put into use in 1938, they said.

Twenty-five affidavits setting out information concerning the operations of the Associated Press and its competitors were filed in support of the motion.

The government suit, charging that the AP is a monopoly, was filed in federal district court here last August 28. It asked the court to order the Associated Press, world's largest news gathering organization, to open its membership rolls to any newspaper willing to pay its proportionate share of the cost of gathering news.

A special three-judge "expedited" court was appointed to handle the case Jan. 11 at the request of Attorney General Biddle.

Allied Airmen Team to Blast Rabaul

London, May 25 — (AP)—A strong force of Allied warplanes headed eastward across the channel this morning to resume by daylight the Allied offensive which reached its peak Sunday night in a record-breaking RAF assault on Dortmund.

The course followed by the daylight raiders indicated they would hit the French coast somewhere between Dieppe and Boulogne.

RAF fighters were over Northern France on small-scale intruder patrols during the night, but the British heavy bombers were given a rest after their 2,000-ton attack on Dortmund.

(Berlin claimed today in a broadcast recorded by the Associated Press that 44 British bombers were shot down on that raid. The British announced 38 were lost.)

The Germans also claimed that Nazi guns brought down seven multi-engine British bombers and damaged another during the RAF attack yesterday on a German convoy off the Dutch coast.

About 25 German planes struck at a south coast town in a bold mid-afternoon raid which flattened workers' houses and buried an undetermined number in the ruins. It was one of the biggest daylight forces the Nazis had used in some time. One raider was destroyed.

Some of the raiders swung over a neighboring town and turned their cannon upon large buildings.

A dozen persons were known killed and several others, including children, were unaccounted for. One bomb landed on a school playground but no children were there.

Two other raiders were brought down by ground guns during an attack on the south coast, raising the number destroyed to three.

Better Than Ever

Milwaukee, Wis. — (AP)—The Navy keeps them fit, as Lt. John Drew proved recently. The former Marquette University track ace, and a veteran of the ill-fated U.S.S. Lexington, came home on furlough and competed with an alumni track team. He won seven events—both sprints, high hurdles, the high jump, broad jump and shotput!

Allied Aircraft 'Sowing Bombs Like Wheat'

—Africa

By ROGER GREENE

Associated Press War Editor

Thousands of bomb-dazed refugees were reported fleeing north from Southern Italy and from islands in the Mediterranean today as American warplanes, "sowing bombs like wheat," heaped fresh destruction on Sardinia, Sicily, Pantelleria and the Italian mainland.

Reports reaching Switzerland said an exodus was under way from many towns on the toe of the Italian boot, with Rome already receiving thousands attempting to escape Allied bombardment.

A Rome broadcast admitted that "city districts proper" at Cagliari, Capital of Sardinia island, had been abandoned as a result of the violent Allied aerial offensive.

With Allied planes stepping up the fury of their assault on the "invasion trail" into Southern Europe, Italy's Crown Prince Umberto was quoted by the British radio as warning Italians that they were short of arms and must throw all their "spiritual and physical strength" in the struggle.

Premier Mussolini was said to have called Fascist party chiefs of the Rome district last night and given them new orders—presumably dealing with measures to combat an Allied invasion.

Renewed reconnaissance indicated that the commanders on both sides had ordered constant scouting against the possibility of a surprise major assault, but the chance of catching either off guard was considered remote in view of the short nights and long spring days.

(The Tuesday German communiqué as broadcast from Berlin and recorded by the Associated Press said that strong German shock troops forays were carried out successfully on several sectors of the Russian front. German planes heavily raided railway stations and industries behind the lines, it said, and it was claimed that 10 out of 11 Russian planes attempting to raid a German air base were shot down.)

Bomb-pitted Pantelleria, the little fortified island 45 miles off Cap Bon which was under almost continuous attack much of Sunday and Sunday night was raided again Monday by American fighter bombers in the steady air offensive against the Axis' southern front.

Twelve enemy aircraft were destroyed in combat during these operations of the past 24 hours, and it was officially stated that an estimated number of others were wrecked on the ground.

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By Roy Crane

Social and Personal

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Social Calendar

Wednesday, May 25th
The Cosmopolitan club will do volunteer work at the Surgical Dressing rooms, 7:45 to 9:30 o'clock. A bridge social will follow at the home of Miss Mabel Ellington with Mrs. Mack Stuart and Mrs. Perry Moses, hostesses.

Friday, May 28th
Mrs. Robert Campbell will present her violin and piano pupils in recital at the city hall, 8 o'clock.

Pupils of Mrs. Ralph Routhon in recital tonight

Mrs. Ralph Routhon will present her pupils in a program of piano numbers on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the recreational room of the First Methodist church. The public is invited to attend.

Taking part on the program are: Norma Jean Archer, Lawrence Albritton, Adolphine Andrews, Betty Ann Benson, Jessie Clarice Brown, Mavis Baber, Nita Dean Compton, Edna Collier, Betty Ruth Cole, Edna Gwendolyn Evans, Aura Lou Harrison, Mavis Jones, Dorothy Moore, Mildred McFadden, Lyle Moore, Jr., Jim Morrow, Martha Sue Moore, Mary Ross McFadden, Nele Frances Mullin, Patsy McPherson, Margie O'Neal, Virginia O'Neal, Dorothy O'Neal, Hazel Patterson, John Paul Sanders, Sophia Williams, Martha Wray, Nannette Williams, and Kinard Wray.

Mr. R. V. Herndon, Sr., is expected at birthday party

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lewis were hosts Saturday evening at their home on South Main street honoring Mrs. R. V. Herndon, Sr., who was celebrating a birthday.

During the evening the hostess served a delectable ice course with birthday cake to the following: Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Herndon, Sr., and Mrs. Kline Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Young, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Franklin, and Miss Opal Daniel. The honoree received a number of lovely gifts.

June Wedding Plans Announced

Miss Nancy Faye Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Williams of Little Rock, has announced plans for her wedding. Her engagement to Sgt. Kenneth Page Snyder of Kansas City was announced last week.

The wedding will take place at 3:30 p. m. Saturday, June 12, at the First Presbyterian church in Hope with the pastor, the Rev. Thomas Brewster, officiating.

Mrs. Byron Brown of Sheridan will serve her sister as matron of honor, and Miss Patricia Ann Williams will be among her sister's bridesmaids. Other attendants will be Mrs. Dennis Anderson, of Minneapolis, Miss Frances Jean Williams, of Sheridan, cousin of the bride-elect, Miss Florence Davis and Miss Rosalyn Hall.

The best man will be Sgt. Meyer Zellman, of Greenwood, Miss. Others will be Byron Brown, of Sheridan, Crit Stuart, Sgt. Dennis Anderson of Minneapolis, and Sgt. Delbert Brundage, of Flint, Mich. Mrs. C. C. McNeil, church organist.

Women who suffer SIMPLE ANEMIA

If lack of blood-iron makes you pale, weak, "drugged out"—try Lydia Pinkham's—nature's own best and quickest home way to help build up red blood to get more strength and promote a more vigorous bloodstream—in such cases, Pinkham's Tablets are one of the greatest blood-iron tonics you can buy! Follow label directions.

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Starts Today
George Montgomery Ann Rutherford

in
'Orchestra Wives'

Also
'Riders of the Purple Sage'

Now
NEW SAENGER

MARY MARTIN BACK POWELL
in TECHNICOLOR
Starts Wednesday

After Dark, I make things happen!
I MARRIED A WITCH
FREDRIC MARCH
VERONICA LAKE

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Immediately following the ceremony a reception will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ched Hall, North Louisiana street.

Coming and Going

Miss Mary Della Carrigan, who was a member of the Little Rock public school faculty during the past year, arrives today for a summer visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Carrigan.

Mr. J. C. Broyles, Sr., Mrs. J. C. Broyles, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey McRae, Jr., and son, "Mack," motored to Little Rock yesterday. In Arkadelphia they were joined by Miss Nell Louise Broyles of Henderson State Teachers' College.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Whiteside of Washington, D. C., were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gosnell.

Mrs. P. D. Burton, Sr., and P. D. Burton, Jr., of Lewisville, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Peck today.

George Newbern, Jr., and Freddie Patton are leaving today for Washington, D. C., where they will spend the summer.

Mrs. Harry Fritche departs today for Fallston, Md., to make her home with her mother before joining Mr. Fritche, who is attending Officer Candidate School at Aberdeen, Md. She will be accompanied on the trip by Miss Wanda Lane, who will visit her sister, Miss Catherine Lane, in Washington, D. C., and Mrs. E. B. Gibson and daughter, Aloysie of Nashville, who will be guests of relatives in Silver Springs, Md.

Pvt. and Mrs. Lyle Wood have returned to Camp Van Dorn, Miss., after a week's visit with Pvt. Wood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Wood.

Mrs. R. V. Herndon, Sr., Mrs. Sid Bundy, Mrs. L. W. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ward, and the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Brewster attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Annie N. Leiper in Malvern yesterday.

Hospital Notes
Mrs. Dennis E. Richards of Memphis, is a patient in the Julia Chester hospital.

Communiques

Camp Maxey, Texas. — Paul Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Campbell, 913 Park Drive, Hope, has been promoted from the rank of staff sergeant to first sergeant at Camp Maxey.

WLB Aiming at Decision in Coal Dispute

By JOSEPH A. LOFTUS
Washington, May 25 — (AP) — The War Labor Board, aiming at a decision late today in the soft coal wage dispute, may throw the miners' portal - to - portal (underground travel) pay demand back into collective bargaining. Some members favor such action.

Authoritative sources indicated the board was prepared to grant the miners concessions in the form of higher vacation pay and elimination of occupational charges such as rental of their electric cap lamps and purchase of certain tools. In addition, certain provisions may be ordered to give the miners better assurances of a full six - day week. At present they receive time and a half on Saturdays only if they work all five preceding days. Sometimes they are idle on one or more of these days for reasons beyond their control.

The operators, critical of the report of the fact - finding panel, asked the board to hear oral argument, but it is understood the board is not sympathetic to any further delays. The board officially reported that no action was taken on the operators' request.
The panel, which made its report last Friday, said the portal-to-portal pay demand was an ideal subject for collective bargaining. Authoritative sources said the board is giving serious consideration to this suggestion, with an amendment limiting the bargaining period. Such action by the board could be construed as approval of any reasonable sum the miners and operators might agree upon for underground travel pay. If no agreement was reached within a specified period, the board then could decide the issue.

Both operators and minors concede that the practical effect of any partial - to - partial pay order is fraught with administrative and legal complications, and for that reason some board members, at least, believe the problems could be worked out best in negotiations.

Treasury officials confirmed yesterday that they have approved salary increases for thousands of mine supervisory employees. The raises amount to \$35 to \$40 a month, they said. The justification they explained is the six - day week, which increases the earnings of the production worker \$10.50 a week and upwards when he works six days.

First race between a locomotive and a horse-drawn vehicle took place in Baltimore, Md., Aug. 25, 1830.

Arkansas Congressmen Show Cotton Maid the Sights of Washington



—Photo by Howard Suttler.

When the Maid of Cotton, charming Bonnie Beth Byler, of Lepanto, visited Washington on her 20,000-mile tour of the nation to demonstrate to war-rattled Milady America best methods for economical use of cotton to achieve the ultimate in style, Senator Hattie Caraway and members of the Arkansas congressional delegation took time out to show her some of the sights of the capital. Here the camera caught Miss Byler and the Arkansas congressmen in front of the capitol following a luncheon in the senate dining room, in which Senator Caraway was hostess.

In the photo (left to right) are: Oren Harris, El Dorado; Brooks Hays, Little Rock; E. C. (Took) Galbings, West Memphis; William F. Norrell, Monticello; Miss Byler; Paddy Cravens, Fort Smith; James W. Fullbright, Fayetteville; and Wilbur D. Mills, Kensett. Senator John McClellan was in Detroit on a speaking engagement during the Cotton Maid's visit to Washington.

Miss Byler, appearing under sponsorship of the National Cotton Council and designated by Gov. Homer M. Adkins as an official "Arkansas Traveler," was featured in a Washington all-cotton style show, sang at the Capital's Stage Door Canteen for service men and presented to Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard the official "Arkansas Traveler" invitation, signed by Governor Arkins.

Resident of County Dies Near Emmet

Mrs. Lula Messer, 65, a resident of Hempstead County for many years, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Bernard Piercy, Emmet Route 3, early today. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.
She is survived by two other daughters, Mrs. Mamie Royenga and Mrs. Charles Stephens, of Emmet Route 3, eight sons, C. E. and Clifford Messer, of Hope, Alfred and Orlan Messer, of Emmet Route 3, Clyde and Cleve, with armed forces, Walter and Vernon Messer, of Alvin, Texas, two brothers, Melvin and B. S. Welsh, of Arkadelphia and a sister, Mrs. Ora Bennett of Beaumont, Texas.

SERIAL STORY Beth Carter, WAAC

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LOST CHAPTER XIV

THE Japanese fired and Beth felt something pluck her left sleeve, as though someone had stuck a pointed instrument through that part of her uniform. The shot had come close.

She went over the top of the two plunging, rolling, fighting men in the center of the cabin. The plane was getting difficult to control. The Jap turned momentarily to the controls, then back to Beth. He had delayed too long. Beth was fighting with all her strength. She had heard of jujitsu and the supposed advantage it gives to the man who knows it—and she did not doubt that this Japanese naval officer was surpassingly expert. But if she could only keep him occupied until Brit could subdue Rick. . . . If she could only do that, even if it cost her life!

The plane was doing a number of crazy things now. The Jap no longer was speaking English, he was talking excitedly in his native tongue.

Brit and Rick were rolling around again. Rick was snarling in a language Beth did not recognize. Now Brit was up. He held Rick's arms firmly. Rick kicked viciously. Brit swung him around toward the end of the cabin, away from Beth and the Jap.

As Rick and Brit gained the end of the cabin they gained momentum. Brit pulled Rick's body around so that when they hit Rick took the full impact of both of them on the top of his head. He crumpled to the floor, stunned. Brit yanked off his tie and made Rick's arms secure.

Millet Early Hay Crop; Now Time to Plant

Millet will mature in 60 to 70 days and will furnish one of the earliest hay or grain crops of any crop that can be planted now. Oliver L. Adams, county agent, advised this week. For mid-summer supplementary pasture farmers will find millet very satisfactory.

Several types of millet may be used, including Foxtail, Pearl, Japanese, and Proso (Hog) millet. The seed may be broadcast or drilled using from 2 to 4 pecks per acre. Good seedbed preparation, is necessary for best results, but where time will not permit intensive seedbed preparation, the seed may be broadcast and covered with a harrow.

Like most other crops, the better yields are usually obtained on the more productive soil, and on soils of medium or low productivity, the use of 200 to 300 pounds of a 3-12-6 fertilizer or 5 to 6 tons of manure per acre is recommended.

Millet cut for hay should be cut in bloom stage if it is to be used for work stock; if fed to other stock it may be cut in the milk stage.

Sudan grass is another rapid growing hay or pasture crop recommended for late planting. This crop may be seeded according to recommendations for millet using 15 pounds per acre if drilled or 25 pounds per acre if broadcast, the county agent said.

Jessie Cheatem Is Draft Delinquent

The Hempstead county draft board today listed Jessie Cheatem as delinquent for failure to appear for a physical examination. The registrant is to appear before the board on or before 10 a. m., May 29.

Revival to Close

A revival is now in progress at the United Baptist Church with the Rev. Doyle Ingram, of Oklahoma, officiating. Nightly services will continue through this Wednesday night.

WAAC Recruiting Here Each Tuesday

Representatives of the Texarkana branch of the WAAC recruiting service which originally came to Hope each Thursday will, starting today, come here each Tuesday at 10 a. m.

All interested women between the ages of 21 and 44 are urged to interview with recruiting officer at the local office which is located in a vacant building on Main street next the Roy Anderson and Co.

Mohammedans consider silk unclean because it is a product of a worm.

ago while doing a job for you know who. I don't know how Lita got tangled up with him, but I'll bet it wasn't because she wasn't willing."

"What do we do now?" Beth asked.

"We're going back. That's simple enough, isn't it?"

"That part is. Do you suppose our secret is safe?"

"That's puzzling me," he said. "I haven't the slightest idea where this plane was headed. It's only by dead reckoning that I can figure out where we came from. We should get back in a couple of hours. But whether we're going to be able to land, or whether we're going to be merely the harbingers of a swarm of Jap planes after we do land, I can't say now."

He pulled a switch, and the interior of the plane was dark. Beth had forgotten completely that they had been traveling at night. Her eyes adjusted themselves, and she looked out onto the Pacific, as bright as it ever could be under the full moon.

"Can we spot the island in this light?" she asked.

"We can spot it all right, but maybe spotting it will just get us blown to bits by one of our own anti-aircraft guns. You know, there are two sides to this spotting business. . . . the airplane pilots, and the ground gunners. A plane this slow would be a clay-pigeon target."

Brit left the lights off, except for the instrument panel. They cruised for some time—Beth's watch said it was long after midnight. In another couple of hours it would be dawn.

Her eyes wandered over the panel. She saw something and realized that Brit must have been looking at the panel and must have seen it, too; for he pointed to the gasoline indicator expressively.

Farmers Urged to Grow Own Feed Supplies

Hempstead County farmers are now finding it difficult to purchase adequate feed supplies, reports Oliver L. Adams, county agent, and unless adequate feed supplies are grown at home, more trouble will likely be experienced next winter. The county agent cited a recent Arkansas farm inventory which shows a 22 percent increase in the number of hogs over a year ago, and a 7 percent increase in the number of cattle. The same inventory also shows that Arkansas' 1943 corn production will likely be only 85 percent of the 1942 crop.

From the national standpoint, there will be a 10 percent increase in the number of animals to feed, while present crop prospects indicate a decrease of about 12 percent in the feed supply as compared to 1942.

In view of this situation farmers may have to feed each animal less during the 1943-44 season or reduce the number of animals they plan to have. If each animal is fed a smaller amount, it will mean lighter weight market hogs, less milk per cow, and fewer eggs per hen.

Feed prices will likely be higher next season than at present, the county agent pointed out, and profits from livestock enterprises will depend largely on the amount of home-grown feed on hand.

Completely prohibited after tomorrow are retail deliveries of alcoholic beverages, wines and beer, soft drinks, tobacco and candy, ice cream, magazines, flowers except for funerals, toys, novelties, jewelry, furs, radios, phonographs, and antiques.

Defining a retail delivery as one made to a person, household or family, the ODT order restricts service to three a week on meat, poultry, eggs, fruits, vegetables, fish, bread, and perishable bakery products, four on fresh milk or cream, two on laundry and dry cleaning, seven on ice — or daily — and six on parts or supplies needed for repairs.

Wholesale deliveries were held to five in the food category, six on bread, one on alcoholic beverages, two on soft drinks, tobacco and candy, beer in kegs; six on milk and cream; five on laundry and dry cleaning, seven on ice, four on ice cream and magazines, and five on cut flowers.

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Ford's Condition Said to Be Critical

Detroit, May 25 — (AP) — Edsel Ford, 49-year-old president of the Ford Motor Company, was reported today as still in a critical condition from undulant fever at his home on Lake St. Clair.

Ford, the only son of Henry Ford, founder of the vast industrial empire, has been chief executive of the company for 24 years.

More Bundle Toting on East Coast

By TOM REEDY

Washington, May 25 — (AP) — More bundle-toting for the East was decreed today in an order sharply curtailing delivery services and in the case of many luxury items prohibiting them entirely. The order was coupled with a warning that the already critical gasoline shortage along the Atlantic seaboard would grow worse.

The order, effective at 12:01 a. m. (EWT) Thursday, was issued by the Office of Defense Transportation last night for 31 northeastern states and the District of Columbia.

Limitations were placed on both wholesale and retail deliveries. The ODT listed the maximum number of deliveries which may be made in one week between two given points for certain commodities. Transportation companies were instructed to rearrange their routes to cut out duplication. All Sunday deliveries except ice, fresh milk and cream, were forbidden.

The order came on top of a 40-per cent cut in mileage rationing for bus, truck and taxi travel. Virtually empty streets resulted in many eastern cities as gasoline stations put up "empty" signs and the Office of Price Administration renewed policing of motorists in search of pleasure drivers.

The ODT said the situation would become more serious in the next 60 days as "the full effect of the widespread disruption of the west - east petroleum movement, caused by the mid - west floods" is felt.

Additional transportation restrictions then may be necessary, the agency said. It was understood that as originally drawn the delivery order was a great deal more stringent than the version announced and that the deleted restrictions will be revived if the crises becomes more acute.

A more optimistic view came, however, from W. Alton Jones, president of War Emergency Pipe-lines, Inc., who disclosed in New York that a breach in the big line caused last week by flood waters of the Arkansas river had been closed and the eastward flow of petroleum renewed.

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Head to Speak at Meeting of Economy Bloc



WALTER W. HEAD

Walter W. Head, Chairman of the War Finance Committee of the Eighth Federal Reserve District, of which Arkansas is a part, will be the principal speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Arkansas Public Expenditure Council. The dinner will be at the Little Rock Country Club at 6:30 p. m., Thursday, May 27.

Arrangements for the dinner, which is for members of the Council and guests, are in charge of a host committee comprised of 97 outstanding civic and business leaders of Arkansas. Twenty-two counties and 29 different business interests are represented on this committee.

In announcing plans for the dinner, Dr. George S. Benson, president of the council, also stated there would be a business meeting of the members at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Marion Hotel in Little Rock. Directors are to be elected and policies and activities of the organization for the ensuing year will be discussed.

The Council, a non-political, statewide association of taxpayers has been in operation in Arkansas since last July. Sole objective of the group is to promote economy and efficiency in federal, state and local government.

WPB Places Limit on Cloth Fabrics

Washington, May 25 (AP) Now, the War Production Board has decided, is the time to freeze fashion.

A new decree limiting the amount of fabric in women's clothing was issued by the WPB with the explanation that it would keep existing wardrobes in style and thus discourage non-essential purchases. At the same time, the board said it would be possible to indulge in creative design.

Production was banned entirely on double breasted suits and jackets, culottes, skating skirts, reversible lined or quilted skirts, dresses with vent or Norfolk backs and epaulettes.

The order, a revision of the original women's clothing restrictions of 13 months ago, divides the use of fabrics into two categories of conservation control.

The "body basic" category restricts measurements of the basic silhouette of the untrimmed dress according to size, with a size 16 allowed a maximum of 56 inches at the hips and 72 inches skirt sweep.

The "trimming allowance" restricts the size and design of fabric trimmings for a dress on a square - inch basis with the maximum approximating half a yard of 39-inch wide material.

Neckwear items are limited in width, thickness and depth while bows, ruffles and other frills are curtailed in both size and number.

Although the skirt sweep of a maternity dress is restricted to 80 inches, the hip measurement may exceed the body basic without curtailing any other measurements allowed in usual women's wear.

The order takes effect Thursday for manufacturers' cutting of autumn and winter clothing, and July 1 for summer wear.

Texas has nearly 17,000 miles of railroads and leads all states of the Union in this respect.

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Registration for Summer School Band

The Hope Summer Band School, directed by Thomas Lavin, begins today and tomorrow at the band building at the local high school.

This school is for advanced as well as beginning students. It will feature extensive music courses for all students enrolled and the classes will meet daily, Monday through Friday.

This course is especially valuable to beginning students because the material covered in the six weeks course is equal to one full semester in the regular fall term.

Beginners may either buy or rent instruments. The school has a limited number of musical instruments that can be rented for one dollar per month.

